

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In Re Applications of	)	MM Docket No. 93-75
TRINITY BROADCASTING OF FLORIDA,	)	
INC.	)	BRCT-911001LY
For Renewal of License of	)	
Television Station WHFT(TV)	)	
Miami, Florida	)	
GLENDAL E BROADCASTING COMPANY	)	BPCT-911227KE
For Construction Permit	)	
Miami, Florida	)	

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**DECLARATION OF DR. WALTER C. ANDERS**

1. My name is Dr. Walter C. Anders. I am the Assistant Director of the Department of Human Resources, Metropolitan Dade County, 111 NW First street, Miami, Florida, 33128. I reside at 78 NE 156th Street, Miami, Florida, 33162.

2. I am an African-American, and have lived in the Miami area since 1958. I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contribution to the communities welfare made by WHFT-TV, Miami during the last license term (February 1, 1987 to February 1, 1992).

3. The Department of Human Resources of Metropolitan Dade County delivers welfare and other services to Dade county residents. During the license term, in November 1989, I appeared on a program called "Feedback" on channel 45. The program was a panel show of an hour in length concerning an issue of real public importance, welfare reform. The panel included: me, who was then the Director of the Office of Community Services of Metro Dade County; representatives of some state organizations; and, representatives of three community organizations which dealt with the needs of the poor and homeless. I described the services available to residents of Dade county, the eligibility for those benefits, and where residents could go to apply for those benefits. We had some feedback from the audience, and I and other members of the panel discussed the usual myths connected with welfare. The questions asked centered about the usual negative perceptions of

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welfare recipients, and the issue of fraudulent claims. The fact is that most people who receive welfare benefits in Dade County are physically and/or mentally disabled and unable to care for themselves. We were able to get the people in the audience to understand that welfare was oriented toward helping people with various degrees of human suffering. The other panel participants talked about the resources and programs available at the city and state level to deal with the needs of the poor, including church, religious and other nonprofit groups and organizations that were providing assistance.

4. The only television programming concerning the issue of welfare that I have viewed that is comparable is the programming that we have produced on a public access channel on the Dade County cable system. Programming about welfare issues on other broadcast stations usually consists of a short blurb about the "welfare crisis" and a short overview of the problem with a lot of pictures. WHFT's treatment of the issue was much more substantive, and had a broader focus in that it solicited input from the whole range of organizations that are involved in providing assistance to Miami area residents. Moreover, channel 45's programming emphasized the organizations, programs and resources in the community to help people who were needy, a feature that is somewhat lacking in other broadcast treatments of the program.

5. Channel 45 has a reputation in the community of providing very valuable services for community members, and for being very community oriented. I think that channel 45 is beneficial to the

community because it promotes values that are beneficial to the community, and because it reflects the values of many in the community that are not often seen or heard on other media sources.



**SUPPORTING DECLARATION**

I, Dr. Walter C. Anders, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America that the forgoing "Declaration of Dr. Walter C. Anders," consisting of three (3) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 5 day of August, 1993.

By: Walter C. Anders  
Dr. Walter C. Anders



### DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY L. BALL

1. My name is Timothy L. Ball. I am a Police Officer with the Oakland Park Police Department, located at 301 NE 38th Street, Oakland Park, Florida, 33304. I reside at 81 NW 35th Street, Oakland Park, Florida, 33309.

2. I have been a resident of the Ft. Lauderdale area for over 12 years, and I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contributions to the community's welfare made by WHFT-TV, Miami, during its last license term (February 1, 1987 to February 1, 1992).

3. As a police officer, <sup>MUCH OF</sup> <sup>(96)</sup> the lower socio-economic section of Oakland Park is my beat. Although I cannot share my religious beliefs with the people on my beat, I have attempted to do my job as a Christian, and to show Christ's love for the people on my beat by befriending them and offering them both a friendly ear and a helping hand when I can. I was featured in an article published in the Sunshine Magazine about two years ago entitled "The Bible and the Badge" about my work and my ministry. In addition to my job, I am an Associate Pastor with the Issues of Life Church, a church which started out as an outreach ministry to do corporal works of mercy in the area which is my beat. We have worked to feed the poor, reach out to the homeless, and generally provide an outreach to people in need in the community.

4. I have appeared on the "Praise the Lord--South Florida" Program three times in 1991, in February, March and June. Both

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times I was interviewed for about 30 minutes and was able to explain our ministry and the programs and services that we offer. During my last appearance we were sponsoring a function, a Marathon 15 km walk-a-thon, that was occurring in the near future. The walk-a-thon was a fundraising event for our ministry, and I was able to promote the event and encourage people to support our ministry financially and to get involved in serving the needs of the needy members of our community personally. I was surprised at the response we received from my appearance on channel 45. We got quite a few telephone calls from people who volunteered to help who said that they had heard of our ministry on channel 45, or who wanted to donate because they had heard about us on channel 45.

5. My family and I were a regular watchers of channel 45 programming during the license term, and I believe that channel 45 programming, particularly its local and children's programming is particularly responsive to the needs of the community. For example, during the "Praise the Lord--South Florida" program a segment is broadcast during which there are announcements provided by various churches and social service agencies which announce church ministries, family counseling services, drug and alcohol addiction programs and other programs and services offering help to people in the community. "Praise the Lord--South Florida" consistently discusses the problems and needs of the community, but, more importantly, it constantly has local leaders on the program that describe the programs and resources which are available to help people who are effected by these problems. For

example, the program may include a segment about the problem of drug and alcohol abuse, and the program will always include a segment in which the program participants describe the programs and public and charitable resources available to serve people with the problem discussed.

6. My five children, ages 2 through 11, also watch a great deal of the children's programming on channel 45. In my judgement channel 45 has the best children's programming available for children to watch, much of which is educational and instructional. Channel 45 children's programming is always uplifting, and is always non-violent. My children particularly enjoy "Flying House," which is an animated adventure program which has been broadcast on Saturday for many years, and "Super Book," an animated variety program which has also been broadcast on Saturday for some time. Both programs emphasize good moral values and teach lessons about human relationships, such as that it is not nice to hurt people's feelings, that it is right to care for others, and that it is not right to steal. They also teach lessons about human behavior such as how to control anger. The programs involve a lot of storytelling, which helps children internalize the teachings, and I like the number songs, which helps younger children with math.

### SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Timothy L. Ball, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America that the forgoing "Declaration of Timothy L. Ball," consisting of three (3) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 4 day of AUGUST, 1993.

  
Timothy L. Ball





**DECLARATION OF DR. ROBERT G. BARNES**

1. My name is Dr. Robert G. Barnes. I am the Executive Director of Sheridan House, located at 4200 SW 54th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33314. I reside at 2725 South Bridge Road, Cooper City, Florida, 33026.

2. I have been a resident of the Miami area since 1971. I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contributions to the community's welfare made by WHFT-TV, Miami, during its last license term (February 1, 1987 to February 1, 1992).

3. I am a marriage and family counselor, and I have written five books on various family issues. Sheridan House is a multi-service agency with a number of programs. It has two facilities, an 8 acre residential treatment center for 12-15 year old boys with family and school problems. We also have a four acre campus for 12-15 year old girls who have similar family problems. We also have a marriage and family counseling center where couples and families can receive counseling, and a social services center which provides help, primarily to single mothers, in the form of food, clothing, furniture and meals.

4. Because of the ethnic and racial mix in South Florida, family issues are a strong concern in South Florida. I have done seminars on family problems and issues for employees of Florida Power and Light and Kemper Insurance as well as other organizations. For over three and one half years I have had a

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radio program called "Family ~~Matters~~" on WMCU, and from 1985 through 1990 I wrote a weekly newspaper column on family issues for the Hollywood Sun Tattler. It was in connection with family problems and issues that I was asked to appear on channel 45 programming. Approximately six times during the license term I appeared on either "Feedback" or "Praise the Lord--South Florida." In each instance I was interviewed for approximately a half an hour about marriage and family issues, such as single parenting, family discipline, children's problems in school, and the like. A great many people called to request information about our program or to ask for help with their family or marriage problems. However, a large number also called to ask if they could help or to volunteer in our program. WHFT facilitated this response during the program by emphasizing that we needed help and exhorting people to get personally involved in dealing with the problems I was describing. Throughout my appearances, our program's name and phone number was flashed on the screen so that people could call for information or help, or, as many did, to offer help to us.

5. I have appeared on other television stations in the Miami area during WHFT's license term. As noted above, I have my own radio show, and have appeared on over 100 radio stations in the country. I was afforded far more time on WHFT, so I could discuss more complex issues and discuss issues more substantively. Secondly, I received a far greater response, both in terms of people calling to seek help and in terms of those calling to help our program. Finally, WHFT approaches issues in an intrinsically

different manner when compared to other stations. On some other programs on which I've appeared, the format was debate oriented. For example, on other stations the program thrust would be more to the effect that these are two views on a family issue, such as the effect of divorce on children, and the program essentially was focused on the debate or controversy between the guests. WHFT's emphasis was more to the effect that this is another opportunity for you to get help with your problem in South Florida. Channel 45 also makes a point of providing information about where people can go for help.

6. WHFT has had a real impact in serving the minority community in South Florida. We have a number of racial and ethnic minorities, and ~~(the African American community has often felt particularly isolated from society's mainstream in South Florida.)~~ RLB

WHFT clearly makes a real effort to be multi-racial and multi-cultural, particularly in the people whom they chose to host programs on the station. The hosts and guests on WHFT's programming reflect the rich ethnic and racial diversity of Miami. The station tries very hard to be positive about the community's unity, and is very upbeat. The station works hard at showing cohesion, and projecting an image of racial and ethnic groups working together for the common good.

7. Channel 45 has a reputation in the community for broadcasting positive upbeat programming, and for caring for and reaching out to the community. Channel 45 is also particularly valuable to the area's senior citizens. In my work I have visited

elderly in their homes. WHFT is a very popular daytime companion for many of the senior citizens I have visited, especially among older residents who cannot get out of their houses, or who are afraid to leave their homes. Many of our older residents depend on channel 45 to provide them with positive and encouraging television shows. One widowed elderly woman whom I visit <sup>told</sup> ~~tell~~ me she has channel 45 on all the time. She tells me it is a blessing in her life, and she looks on the channel as her friend.

**SUPPORTING DECLARATION**

I, Dr. Robert G. Barnes hereby state under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America that the forgoing "Declaration of Dr. Robert G. Barnes," consisting of four (4) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 9 day of August, 1993.

By: Robert G. Barnes  
Dr. Robert G. Barnes



DECLARATION OF ROBERT C. BASHAW

1. My name is Robert C. Bashaw. I am the founder and Executive Director of Graceworks Ministries, Inc. ("Graceworks"), a local non-profit organization founded in 1989 that provides ministerial counseling to individuals and churches in the greater South Florida area. My business address is 5601 Corporate Way, Suite 305, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407. My residence address is 1011 Northwest 79th Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33322. I have lived in the Miami area for approximately 11 years. I am submitting this declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission my testimony concerning the contribution to the community welfare that Television Station WHFT (Channel 45) made during the period 1987 through 1991.

2. My principal connection to WHFT during that period was through my work with Graceworks. I was first contacted by the station in 1989 to solicit my views regarding the needs and problems of the South Florida community. The station had obtained my name from an individual who ministers to the homeless and who was familiar with my work. We discussed my activities with Graceworks, and I was asked to describe some issues of concern in the community. From my conversations with others and my familiarity with the station's programming, I was aware that the station also made efforts during that period to contact other individuals and organizations to ascertain the problems and needs of the Miami area. For example, I was



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